

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate all our students for their achievements this past year and to wish everyone health and happiness for the summer. Those who did not live up to their potential should, with the new school year, endeavour to work harder.

I would like to also congratulate our graduating class and wish them the very best in their new pursuits.

As many of you already know, steps were taken throughout the year to ensure that booklists were given to parents before the closing of school. Please make sure that your child begins the new year with all his / her textbooks. The timetable is now ready, with only a few minor changes to be made. We enclose a 'checklist' on teenagers and health from our school nurse, and a list of parents' contact numbers for families interested in book exchange.

The building on Artemidos Street is once again receiving a face-lift, this time along the front and southern and eastern part of the building with maintenance to all windows and doors. All classrooms have been installed with new whiteboards.

Clubs for grades 7-9 will be programmed for Wednesday with a selection of activities and interests for our middle school students. All middle school students will have an advisor to make transitions and communication with parents easier. This year we had several guest speakers on a variety of issues ranging from environmental topics to cultural diversity and awareness. We will continue to challenge the young minds of our students with open discussions and hands-on activities that will help them become critically aware of the world around them.

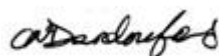
Keep in mind that the school uniform has been enhanced with a wider choice of trousers and skirts. Fleece college jackets and zip-up padded vests for the winter months are also available. We urge parents to assist the school by ensuring students to come to school in full uniform thus helping them develop responsibility and a sense of pride in their school.

During the past year, many students were consistently late to school thus spending the first period in the tardy room, receiving an absence for missing class. In an attempt to prevent this from happening next year, parents will be called immediately upon students' late arrival at the school. Should a student arrive after 9:00 a.m. the school gate will be locked, students will have to return home for the duration of the day and will be marked absent for the entire day. Parents are responsible for phoning in to notify the school if their child is late or absent.

On this note, I would like to impress upon you the need to discourage your children from using mobile phones during school time. A child may call his / her parents in an emergency from the school administration office. Students may not leave school unless they have a note from their parents or have been advised by the school nurse. No student is permitted to call a parent to leave school for any other reason. I thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Once again, I wish everyone all the best for the summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Best regards,



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Director